

In Washington, we're now in the midst of an important discussion about immigration. Our current immigration system is in need of reform. It is not working. We need a system where our laws are respected. We need a system that meets the needs of our economy. And we need a system that treats people with dignity and helps newcomers assimilate into our society.

We must address all elements of this problem together or none of them will be solved at all. We must do it in a way that learns from the mistakes that caused previous reforms to fail. I support comprehensive immigration reform that will allow us to secure our borders and enforce our laws, to keep us competitive in the global economy, and to resolve the status of those already here, without amnesty and without animosity.

Comprehensive immigration reform is a vital goal for our Nation, and it is a matter of deep conviction for me. I will continue to work closely with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to build a consensus for reform so Congress can pass and I can sign a comprehensive immigration bill into law *este ano*.

The United States and Mexico share a great border, and we share a hopeful future. Tomorrow people on both sides of that border will celebrate freedom and the courage of all who defend it. I wish you a happy Cinco de Mayo. *Que Dios los bendiga a los Estados Unidos y tambien Mexico.*

And now, Los Hermanos Mora Arriaga.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:54 p.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Emilio Estefan, Jr., chairman, Estefan Enterprises, Inc.; and Mexico's Ambassador to the U.S. Arturo Sarukhan Casamitjana. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Statement on the Resignation of Jack D. Crouch II as Deputy National Security Adviser

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Dr. J.D. Crouch II came to the White House in January 2005 to serve as my Deputy National Security Adviser. J.D. has served our country with great distinction during a critical period in our history, as we confront

new challenges and pursue a global war on terror. In the past 2½ years, his accomplishments have been many. He was at the forefront in devising and implementing the new strategy to help build a peaceful, stable, and secure Iraq. He was instrumental in developing the new national security strategy that charts a course for advancing our interests abroad, enhancing global security and liberty, and protecting the American people. J.D. is leaving the White House, but Steve Hadley, all his colleagues, and I have benefited greatly from his wise counsel and tireless commitment to public service.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

April 28

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Miami, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Josh Blyden. He then traveled to Key Biscayne, FL, where he attended a Republican National Committee luncheon at a private residence.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Miami, FL.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

April 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he met with President Jose Manuel Durao Barroso of the European Commission and Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, in her capacity as President of the European Council.

In the afternoon, the President had a lunch meeting with President Durao Barroso and President Merkel. Later, in Room 350 of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office